

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated by the following. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-referenced application.

Listing of Claims:

1. -2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting data from a source to a destination, according to claim 1, comprising:

receiving the data from the source; and

providing the data to the destination using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the source as being successfully received at the destination prior to all of the data being provided to the network, wherein at least one of the destination and the source is a secondary storage device.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting data from a source to a destination, according to claim 1, comprising:

receiving the data from the source; and

providing the data to the destination using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the source as being successfully received at the destination prior to all of the data being provided to the network and wherein the data is provided from the source in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format and is received by the destination in a third format, wherein the second format that is different from at least one of: the first format and the second format.

5. (Original) A method, according to claim 4, wherein the first format is RDF format.
6. (Currently Amended) A method, according to claim 5, wherein the second format is one of:
TCP/IP and UDP.
7. -8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A method, according to claim ~~[[8]]~~4, wherein the ~~first~~ third format is
RDF.
10. (Currently Amended) A method, according to claim 9, wherein the second format is one of:
TCP/IP and UDP.
11. - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer program product that transmits data from a source to a destination, according to claim 23, comprising:

executable code that receives the data from the source; and

executable code that provides the data to the destination using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the source as being successfully received at the destination prior to all of the data being provided to the network, wherein one of: the destination and the source is a secondary storage device.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer program product that transmits data from a source to a destination, according to claim 23, comprising:

executable code that receives the data from the source; and

executable code that provides the data to the destination using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the source as being successfully received at the destination prior to all of the data being provided to the network, wherein the data is provided to from the source in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format and is received by the destination in a third format and wherein the second format that is different from at least one of: the first format and the third format.

27. (Original) A computer program product, according to claim 26, wherein the first format is RDF format.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, according to claim 27, wherein the second format is one of: TCP/IP and UDP.

29. -31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[31]]~~33, wherein the first buffer device acknowledges successful transfer of the data to the first storage device prior to all of the data being provided to the network.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method of transferring data from a first storage device to a second storage device Claim 31, comprising:

synchronously transferring the data from the first storage device to a first buffer device;

asynchronously transferring the data from the first buffer device to a second buffer device;

synchronously transferring the data from the second buffer device to the second storage device, wherein the first buffer device acknowledges successful transfer of the data to the first storage device prior to the first buffer device completing transfer of the data to the second buffer device; and

providing the data from the first buffer device to the second buffer device using a network,

wherein the data is provided from the first storage device in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format that is different from the first format.

34. (Original) The method of Claim 33, wherein the first format is RDF format.
35. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 34, wherein the second format is one of: TCP/IP and UDP.
36. (Cancelled)
37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[31]]~~33, wherein the second storage device receives the data in a first format different from a second format used to transmit the data over the network.
38. (Original) The method of Claim 37, wherein the first format is RDF.
39. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, wherein the second format is one of: TCP/IP and UDP.
- 40.- 53. (Cancelled)
54. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim ~~[[53]]~~55, wherein the first buffer device acknowledges successful transfer of the data to the first storage device prior to all of the data being provided to the network.

55. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The computer program product that transfers data from a first storage device to a second storage device of Claim 53, comprising:

executable code that synchronously transfers the data from the first storage device to a first buffer device;

executable code that asynchronously transfers the data from the first buffer device to a second buffer device;

executable code that synchronously transfers the data from the second buffer device to the second storage device, wherein the first buffer device acknowledges successful transfer of the data to the first storage device prior to the first buffer device completing transfer of the data to the second buffer device; and

executable code that provides the data from the first buffer device to the second buffer device using a network, wherein the data is provided from the first storage device in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format that is different from the first format.

56. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 55, wherein the first format is RDF format.

57. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein the second format is one of: TCP/IP and UDP.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim ~~[[53]]~~55, wherein the second storage device receives the data in a first format different from a second format used to transmit the data over the network.

60. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 59, wherein the first format is RDF.

61. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 60, wherein the second format is one of: TCP/IP and UDP.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (New) A method of transmitting data from a first storage device to a second storage device, comprising:

the second storage device receiving the data from the first storage device; and

the first storage device providing the data to the second storage device using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the first storage device as being successfully received at the second storage device prior to all of the data being provided to the network.

64. (New) A method, according to claim 63, wherein the data is provided from the first storage device in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format that is different from the first format.

65. (New) A method, according to claim 64, wherein the first format is RDF format.

66. (New) A method, according to claim 65, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

67. (New) A method, according to claim 65, wherein the second format is UDP.

68. (New) A method, according to claim 63, further comprising:

the second storage device receiving the data is a first format different from a second format used to transmit the data over the network.

69. (New) A method, according to claim 68, wherein the first format is RDF format.

70. (New) A method, according to claim 69, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

71. (New) A method, according to claim 69, wherein the second format is UDP.

74. (New) A device that transmits data from a first storage device to a second storage device, comprising:

means for the second storage device to receive the data from the first storage device; and

means for the first storage device to provide the data to the second storage device using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the first storage device as being successfully received at the second storage device prior to all of the data being provided to the network.

75. (New) A device, according to claim 74, wherein the data is provided from the first storage device in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format that is different from the first format.

76. (New) A device, according to claim 75, wherein the first format is RDF format.

77. (New) A device, according to claim 76, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

78. (New) A device, according to claim 76, wherein the second format is UDP.

79. (New) A device, according to claim 74, further comprising:

means for the second storage device to receive the data in a first format different from a second format used to transmit the data over the network.

80. (New) A device, according to claim 79, wherein the first format is RDF format.

81. (New) A device, according to claim 80, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

82. (New) A device, according to claim 80, wherein the second format is UDP.

83. (New) A computer program product that transmits data from a first storage device to a second storage device, comprising:

executable code that causes the second storage device to receive the data from the first storage device; and

executable code that causes the first storage device to provide the data to the second storage device using a network, wherein the data is acknowledged to the first storage device as being successfully received at the second storage device prior to all of the data being provided to the network.

84. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 83, wherein the data is provided from the first storage device in a first format and is provided to the network in a second format that is different from the first format.

85. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 84, wherein the first format is RDF format.

86. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 85, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

87. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 85, wherein the second format is UDP.

88. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 83, further comprising:

executable code that causes the second storage device to receive the data in a first format different from a second format used to transmit the data over the network.

89. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 88, wherein the first format is RDF format.

90. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 89, wherein the second format is TCP/IP.

91. (New) A computer program product, according to claim 89, wherein the second format is UDP.